

Thursday, July 29, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9651-S9883

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1456-1466. Pages S9743-44

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 105th Congress". (S. Rept. No. 106-127)

S. 501, to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-128)

S. 953, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the State of South Dakota to the Terry Peak Ski Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-129)

S. Res. 95, designating August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day".

S. 1255, to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S9743

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the University of Maine Black Bears: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 164, congratulating the Black Bears of the University of Maine for winning the 1999 NCAA hockey championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. Page S9882

Federal Maritime Commission Authorization: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 819, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 920, Senate companion measure, and agreeing to a committee amendment. Page S9882

Subsequently, S. 920 was placed back on the calendar. Page S9882

Budget Reconciliation: Senate continued consideration of S. 1429, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S9651-S9737

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 1462, to express the sense of the Senate regarding investment in education. Pages S9697-S9719

Hutchison Modified Amendment No. 1472, to provide for the relief of the marriage tax penalty beginning in the year 2001. Pages S9719-29

Roth (for Grassley) Amendment No. 1388, making technical corrections to the Saver Act. Pages S9729-30

Roth (for Abraham) Amendment No. 1411, to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received, and lands recovered, by Holocaust victims of their heirs. Pages S9729-30

Roth (for Sessions) Amendment No. 1412, to provide for the Collegiate Learning and Students Savings (CLASS) Act title. Pages S9729-30

Roth (for Collins/Coverdell) Modified Amendment No. 1446, to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for qualified professional development and incidental expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers. Pages S9729-30

Roth (for Abraham) Amendment No. 1455, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for computer donations to schools and to allow a tax credit for donated computers. Pages S9729-30

Withdrawn:

Breaux Amendment No. 1442, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9683-97

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Abraham Amendment No. 1398, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust

funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 42 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 228), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Baucus motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith. Subsequently, a point of order that the motion was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the motion thus fell.

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By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 229), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Robb Amendment No. 1401, to delay the effective dates of the provisions of, and amendments made by, the Act until the long-term solvency of social security and medicare programs is ensured. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 230), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Gramm Amendment No. 1405, in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 231), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Kennedy motion to recommit to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back with an amendment to modernize and improve the Medicare program by providing a prescription drug benefit, by reducing or deferring certain new tax breaks. Subsequently, a point of order that the motion was not germane to the bill was sustained, and the motion thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and

pending amendments, with votes to occur thereon, on Friday, July 30, 1999.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a further modification to Amendment No. 1472 (listed above) on Friday, July 30, 1999.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—231)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:21 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Friday, July 30, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9883.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 935, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a program of mandatory market reporting for certain meat packers regarding the prices, quantities, and terms of sale for the procurement of domestic cattle, swine, lambs, and products of such livestock, to improve the collection of information regarding the marketing of cattle, swine, lambs, and products of such livestock.

APPROPRIATIONS—CENSUS 2000 SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on the Census Bureau's request for additional funds for the decennial census, after receiving testimony from Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau